

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (original): A file, provided with a front cover, a back cover and a spine connecting the covers, wherein at least the front cover and the back cover are provided with a longitudinal edge and wherein a closure element is provided, which can be coupled with at least one longitudinal edge, such that the space enclosed by the front cover, back cover and the spine is at least partly covered by the closure element and the file with the closure element has a partly open or substantially closed box shape.

Claim 2. (original): A file according to claim 1, wherein a binding element is provided for detachably fixing sheets, between the front cover and the back cover.

Claim 3. (currently amended): A file according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the closure element is detachable and/or pivotally connected to at least a part of at least one longitudinal edge.

Claim 4. (currently amended): A file according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the closure element comprises at least three parts, such that a first part is or can be connected to the parts of the longitudinal edges of the front cover and back cover that are remote from the spine, while the two remaining parts can connect to the longitudinal edge parts on the upper side and bottom side of the file respectively.

Claim 5. (original): A file according to claim 4, wherein said parts are pivotally interconnected.

Claim 6. (currently amended): A file according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the closure element is manufactured in one piece, preferably by injection molding.

Claim 7. (currently amended): A file according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the closure element near two opposite edges is provided with clamping means for clamping it on longitudinal edges of the front cover, back cover and/or the spine.

Claim 8. (currently amended): A file according to claim 7, wherein the clamping means are arranged for cooperation with various thicknesses of longitudinal edges of covers.

